



**Acme Paper
& Supply Co. Inc.**

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To Whom it may concern:

I am providing this written testimony in regards to the supply availability of paper straws to Montgomery County businesses. As a local restaurant supply distributor, we want the council to feel confident that there is no shortage of supply and product is available in this marketplace. While my company Acme Paper has supply of paper straws, we also have several competitors in the market with supply as well to assure there is naturally competitive marketplace so businesses can feel comfortable knowing they have options. Additionally, I want to highlight the cost impact. Understanding every penny is important to restaurant operators, there is a cost impact to paper straws. Paper straws do cost a couple pennies more per unit. However, we have seen restaurants in the district as well as other areas around the country move to a "straw by request" program. This has helped reduce the amount of single use disposables hitting the waste stream as well as neutralize the cost difference. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Most Respectfully,

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